

## Capsule Summary

Survey No.: T-1134

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Name: Hidden Harbor

Construction Date: mid-nineteenth and early twentieth century

Town/Vicinity: St. Michaels

County: Talbot

Access: Private

### Summary Description:

Two dwellings and one outbuilding are located on the property. A small mid-nineteenth century, one-and-one-half-story A. J. Downing Gothic Revival cottage is at the southern edge of the parcel. Northeast of the cottage is a large, early-twentieth century, one-and-one-half-story Colonial Revival - Dutch Style house with wings on the north and south elevations. A three bay, lateral gabled garage is northeast of the larger house.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-1134

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hidden Harbor

### 2. Location

street & number 938 S. Talbot Street - MD Route 33 ☐ not for publication

city, town St. Michaels ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state MD county Talbot

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mary L. Cox, Trustee

street & number P.O. Box 297 telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD 21663

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 800

street & number Washington Street folio 618

city, town Easton state MD 21601

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 3

The main house on the property (House "A") is an early twentieth century, one-and-one-half-story Colonial Revival - Dutch Style frame building with one-story wings on the north and south elevations and an addition on the west elevation. The east and west elevations have continuous shed dormers within the gambrel roofline. Four paired six-over-six double hung windows covered with rolled awnings are within each dormer. An interior end chimney is located on the south gambrel end, and a second chimney is located at the center of the main block. Most of the windows on the first story appear to be six-over-six double hung windows with wood shutters. The central entrance on the east facade is covered by a hip roofed entry porch. Hipped roofs cover the south and north wings. A small screened porch is located on the north elevation of the north facade. The rear addition has been altered with the addition of three sliding glass doors on its west elevation. Each door is covered with a rolled awning. The exterior of the building is clad in wooden siding, and the roof is covered in asphalt shingles.

The southeast of the main house is a mid-nineteenth century, three-bay, one-and-one-half-story, cross-gabled A.J. Downing Gothic Revival cottage with a rear single story ell (House "B"). The main block of the house rests on brick piers, and the rear ell on a brick wall foundation. A soft mortar mixed with whole shells fills in between the brick piers on the main block. The entire building is clad in vertical board and batten and is covered in asphalt shingles. The cross-gabled roof has a central interior chimney. A simple bargeboard trims the rafters on all the elevations of the building. The north facade has a central entrance covered by an open triangular pediment and flanked by six-over-six double hung window with shutters. A four-over-four double hung window is located within the cross-gable, above the entrance. The east elevation has four-over-four double hung windows on the first and second floors. A gabled entryway is located on the east elevation of the ell. The south elevation of the ell has a single six-over-six double hung window. The west elevation of the ell has an extended roofline and covers a screened-in porch. Access to the porch can be gained from a screen door on the exterior or a door on the interior of the porch leading into the house. A bay window with two six-over-six double hung windows is located on the first floor of the west elevation. On the second floor, above the bay window, is a single six-over-six double hung window.

Northeast of the main house is a three bay garage. The lateral gabled building has a shed-roofed addition on the south elevation covering the openings to the bays. A rear gable addition extends to the north. The building is clad in wood shingles, and the roof is covered in asphalt shingles.

East of the cottage is a cross gabled barn which has been attributed to the nearby Hatton's Garden Ltd. Partnership property (T-1135). It is possible that this building may be part of the Hidden Harbor property.

## 8. Significance

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### Period

☐ prehistoric  
☐ 1400-1499  
☐ 1500-1599  
☐ 1600-1699  
☐ 1700-1799  
☒ 1800-1899  
☒ 1900-

### Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

☐ archeology-prehistory  
☐ archeology-historic  
☐ agriculture  
☒ architecture  
☐ art  
☐ commerce  
☐ communications

☐ community planning  
☐ conservation  
☐ economics  
☐ education  
☐ engineering  
☐ exploration/settlement  
☐ industry  
☐ invention

☐ landscape architecture  
☐ law  
☐ literature  
☐ military  
☐ music  
☐ philosophy  
☐ politics/government

☐ religion  
☐ science  
☐ sculpture  
☐ social/  
humanitarian  
☐ theater  
☐ transportation  
☐ other (specify)

### Specific dates

Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Historic maps of the area show a structure in the vicinity of Hidden Harbor as early as 1847. Subsequent maps (1858 and 1877) also show a building at the end of a long drive on the property. The existing main house, of Colonial Revival - Dutch Style, was not constructed until the early twentieth century; therefore, it probably replaced the building shown on these earlier maps and is later shown on the 1923 topographic map. No field evidence of a mid-nineteenth century building was evident. It is possible that the cottage, constructed sometime in the mid-nineteenth century, may be this dwelling; although the location seems off. The property currently constituting Hidden Harbor was originally part of a larger farm, now known as Hatton's Garden Ltd. Partnership (T-1135). The structures on Hidden Harbor and Hatton's Garden were evaluated separately because it is uncertain when the two properties split.

The buildings located within the Hidden Harbor property were constructed during the mid-nineteenth and early-twentieth century (Industrial/Urban Dominance Period: 1870-1930), although the larger farm complex is much older. The houses are common examples of homes found in the region. All of the buildings appear to have been altered over the years. The existing buildings do not represent good examples of their type and do not appear significant for their architecture. For these reasons, Hidden Harbor is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☐Eligibility not recommended ☒ XCriteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR program

Date

## 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Survey No. T-1134

\*Map No. 32, Maryland Office of Planning, Property Mapping Section, Baltimore, 1997.

\*1847 Map of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, No. 16, Department of Commerce, U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington, DC,

\*Map of Talbot County, MD with Farm Limits, Wm. H. Dilworth, 1858.

\*1877 Atlases and other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of MD, Bicentennial Ed., Salisbury, MD, 1976.

\*1923 St. Michaels, MD USGS 15' Quadrangle (1904, reprinted 1923).

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.81 acres

Quadrangle name St. Michaels, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting	North

B 

Zone	Easting	North

C 

Zone	Easting	North

D 

Zone	Easting	North

E 

Zone	Easting	North

F 

Zone	Easting	North

G 

Zone	Easting	North

H 

Zone	Easting	North

Verbal boundary description and justification

Talbot County tax map 32, grid 9, parcel 33

The boundary encompasses the parcel currently owned by Mary L. Cox, Trustee.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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date October 21, 1998

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DHCP/DHCD  
100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032  
(301-514-7600)

SCALE IN FEET



600

0

600

1200

1800

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Portion of the St. Michaels, MD Tax  
Map No. 32 showing the location of  
Hidden Harbor. (Maryland Office of  
Planning, Property Mapping Section,  
1997)

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PLAT OF TRICKFIELD  
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PLAT. B  
Cox  
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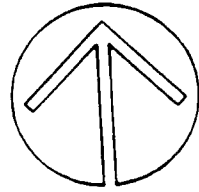
DOMINGO CREEK

FOL

LIMIT CUNE

T-1134 N

St. Mi.



Portion of the 1847 Geodetic Survey Map showing the location of Hidden Harbor. (Map of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1847)

St. Michaels

Broad Cr

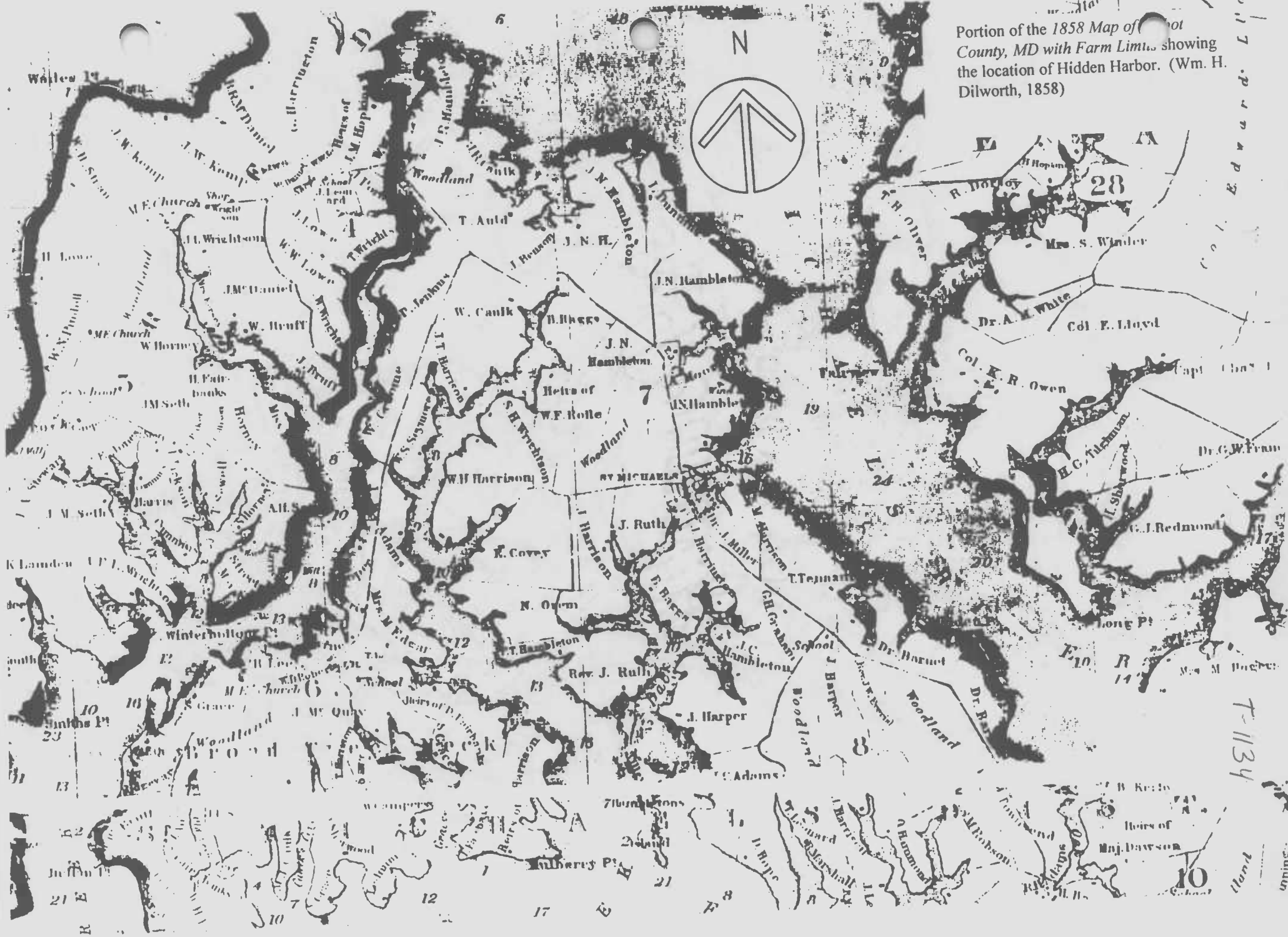
Back Cr

Hidden Harbor

Hambletown 1846

Salisbury Pt

Portion of the 1858 Map of Kent County, MD with Farm Limits showing the location of Hidden Harbor. (Wm. H. Dilworth, 1858)

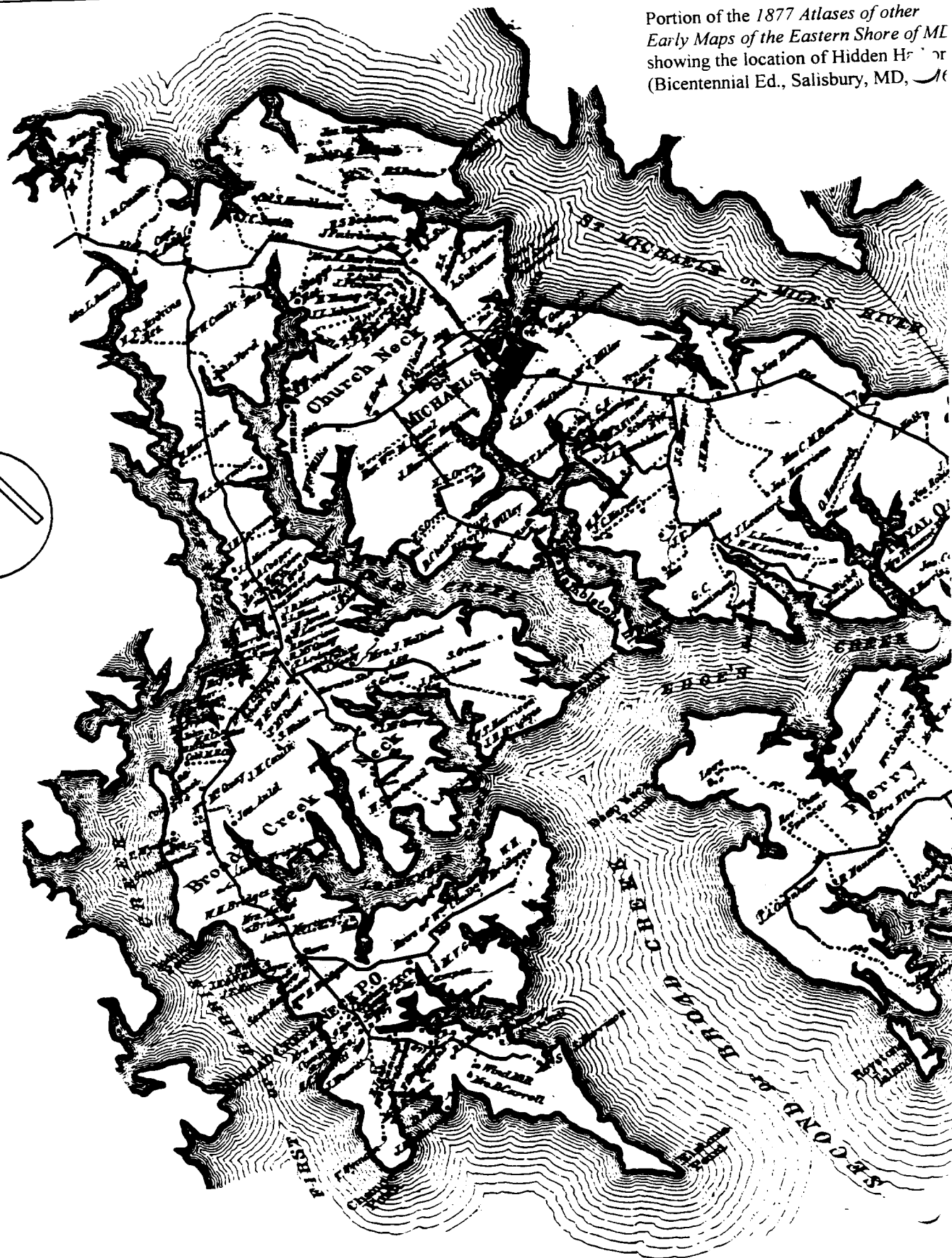


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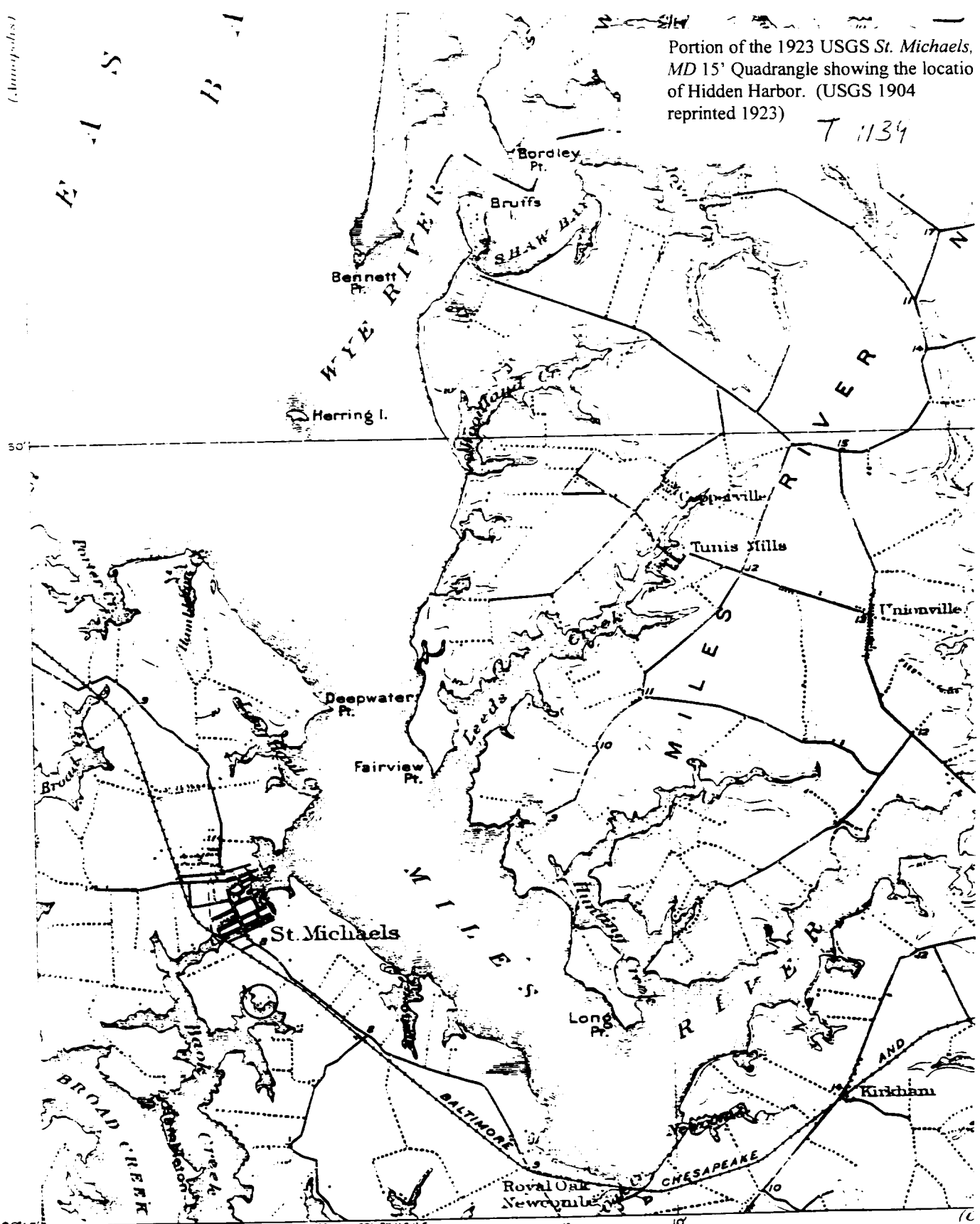
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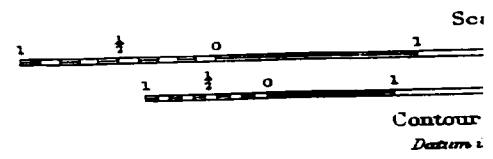


Portion of the 1923 USGS St. Michaels, MD 15' Quadrangle showing the location of Hidden Harbor. (USGS 1904 reprinted 1923)

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38°45' 30" N  
76°15' 00" W  
ENGRAVED MAP, 1904 BY U.S.G.S.  
J. M. Wilson, Geographer in charge.  
Shoreline, topography by U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.  
Control by U.S.C. and G.S.W. Carver Hall, W.R. Harper and E.S. Ela.  
Topography by J.G. Basinger.  
Surveyed in 1902 in cooperation with the State of Maryland.



NOTE: Geologic Folio 182, price 5 cents, treats of the geology and the clay, sand, gr.

# Continuation Sheet

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County: Talbot

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## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

### HISTORIC CONTEXT

**Geographic Organization:** Eastern Shore

**Chronological/Development Period(s):** Industrial/Urban Dominance Period (AD 1870-1930)

**Historic Period Theme(s):** Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

**Resource Type:**

**Category:** Buildings

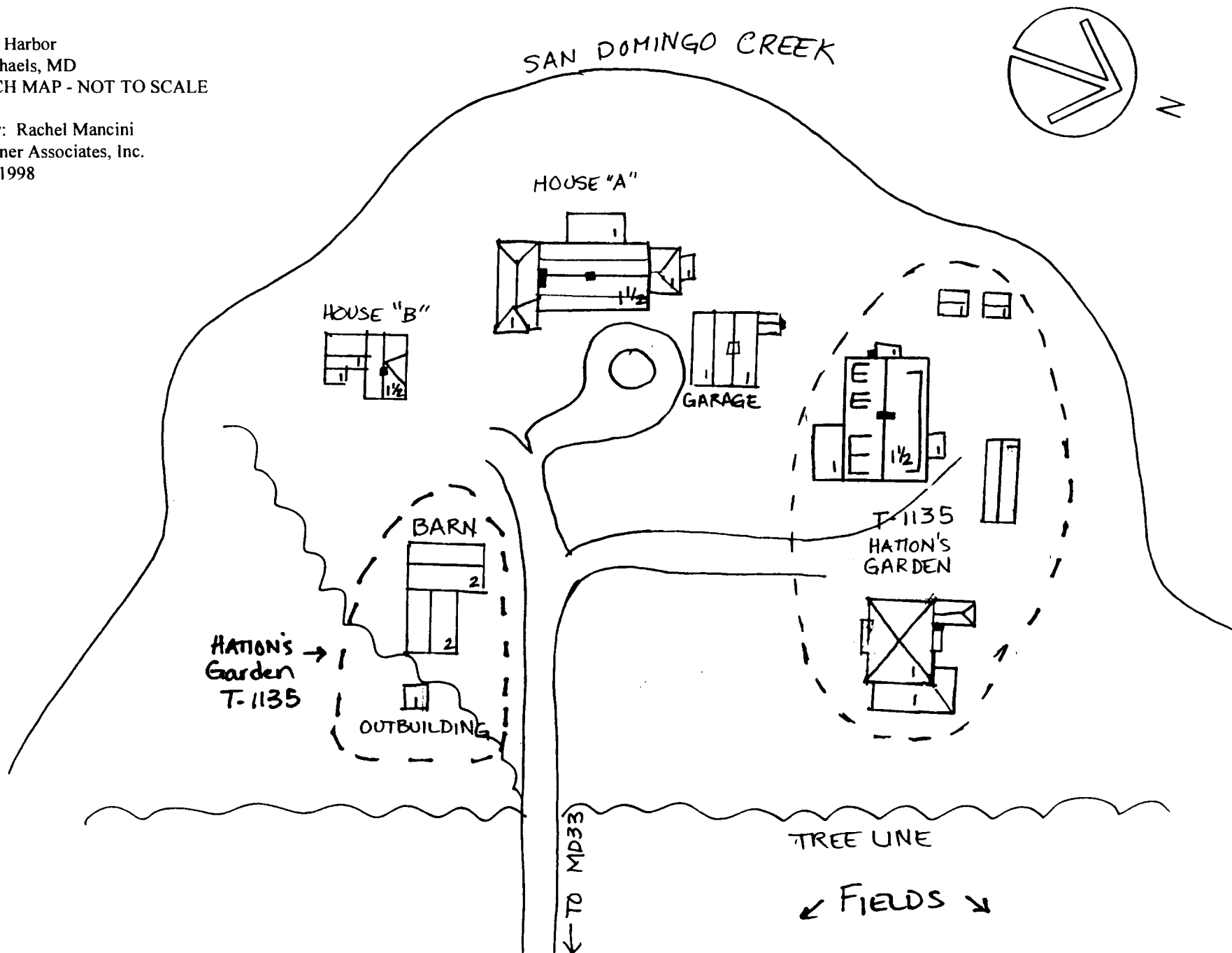
**Historic Environment:** Village

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** DOMESTIC/single dwelling

**Known Design Source:** none

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Hidden Harbor  
St. Michaels, MD  
SKETCH MAP - NOT TO SCALE

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October 1998













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St. Michaels, Talbot Co. MD

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negs = MD SHPO

Main House, east elevation

2/10



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Cottage, north elevation

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Cottage, looking NW

4/10

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regs MD SHPO

Cottage, west elevation

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negs - MD SHPO

Cottage. fill between piers

6/13

19/10



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neg's - MD SHPO

Main house, South elevation

1/10  
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neg's - MD SHPO

Main house, west elevation

8/10

~~8/10~~



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Hidden Harbor

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neg's. MD SHPO

Main house, north elevation

2/10

19/10





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negs- MD, SH PG

Garage, looking NW

10/10

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